

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace/amend the following paragraph of the Specification at page 5, line 16, as follows:

[0035]       The metal strips (7), provided between the male member (4) and the female member (2), are inserted into recesses ~~[[ (10) ]]~~ (12) in a fastening cage (11) , as it may be seen from FIGS. 5 and 6. The cage (11) has a cross section complementary to the cross section of the members (2, 4) of the shaft (1), it is provided surrounding the outside of the male member (4), and it is fitted inside the female member (2). The cage (11) is clamped to the male member (4) by means of protrusion-like deformations (not shown) on the lateral surface thereof.